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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA COORDINATION CENTER

Bureau of Indian Affairs (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)

Bureau of Land Management (Colorado and Wyoming)

Fish and Wildlife Service (Mountain/Prairie Region)

Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region)

National Park Service (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)

State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas

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## Memorial Day Weekend Fire Safety

***Do your part, don't let a wildfire start!***

**Lakewood, CO; May 21, 2015** – Public land and emergency managers across the Rocky Mountain Area—Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming—would like to remind the public about fire safety during Memorial Day Weekend.

Despite wet and cool conditions across the Rocky Mountain Area, the potential for wildfires still exists. [Fire danger](#) ranges from low to high across the five state area.

To minimize human-caused wildfires, please consider the following:

- Fireworks are never allowed on state managed or federal public lands. Smaller, more innocent devices like sparklers, as well as exploding targets and larger combustible devices can start fires.
- Build campfires in open areas clear of leaves or pine needles and away from overhanging tree branches. Keep ample water and a shovel close to your campfire.
- Make sure campfires are cool to the touch before leaving the area. Start extinguishing your campfire one hour before leaving the campsite.
- When smoking always dispose of cigarette debris in an ashtray and always smoke in approved areas.
- Avoid driving in tall grass. Exhaust particles or hot catalytic converters can ignite and cause grass fires.
- Spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline-powered equipment.
- Avoid dragging trailer chains. Dragging chains can throw sparks.
- Maintain proper tire pressure. Driving on exposed wheel rims can throw sparks.

Fire restrictions may be in effect across Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Before heading outdoors, “Know Before You Go!” Visitors are encouraged to contact the nearest land management agency office where they plan to visit. Fire restriction information can be found online at: <http://www.rmacc.info/>.

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*The Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center (RMACC) is an interagency office consisting of personnel from USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDI National Park Service, USDI Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. The purpose of the Center is to be the focal point for logistical support (i.e., mobilization and demobilization of resources) between the ten interagency Dispatch Centers within the Rocky Mountain Area, and the National Interagency Coordination Center. In addition, the Center provides Predictive Services, Intelligence and Public Information products to emergency responders, public land managers and the general public.*